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SUBJECT: Computer Hardware Re-procurement Policy

The Army's tactical systems are dependent upon computer hardware (appliquéd and embedded) to support required software functionalities. Currently, there is not a requirement to review and evaluate computer hardware on an established cyclical basis nor is there a requirement to plan, program and budget funds for the re-procurement of computer hardware if required by a system. This memorandum establishes a computer hardware re-procurement policy for all Army operational-through tactical-level Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) within National Security Systems (NSS).

The system developer is responsible to plan, program and budget for the re-procurement of computer hardware contained within their NSS until the system transitions to the sustaining command. The recommended review cycle for re-procurement of computer hardware is five years dependent upon the individual system requirements, obsolescence, and fiscal constraints. The system review will be the basis for determining whether or not computer hardware re-procurement is appropriate. The initial fielding date of the system to the unit will be the baseline for the review to determine whether the computer hardware has reached obsolescence. The five-year baseline for review of the computer hardware for obsolescence may be modified based on the following conditions:

a. The computer hardware is no longer supported or maintained by the vendor.

b. The computer hardware functional capability no longer supports the system requirements.

c. The computer hardware no longer supports information assurance requirements.

Systems that require computer hardware re-procurement earlier than the established five-year cycle are required to forward the request and justification to the Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers for review and approval.

The system developer will negotiate the system transition with the prospective sustaining command to ensure availability of logistics support and configuration management. Once the system developer concludes the last year of procurement and the system has transitioned to the sustaining command, the individual owning unit will be responsible for maintaining the equipment in accordance with appropriate Technical Manual(s) (TMs). The replacement of components will follow the procedures identified in the TMs. Re-procurement of the system or components with additional, or enhanced capabilities will be carried out according to AR 70-1, Army Acquisition Policy, AR 700-127, Integrated Logistics Support, AR 750-10, Army Modification Program, and standard configuration management practices for authorized levels of computer hardware.

When reviewing computer hardware for its required re-procurement cycle, consideration should always be given to the re-procurement of individual components rather than the re-procurement of the total system. The re-procurement of individual components has potential for reducing costs to the owning unit and to the Army overall.
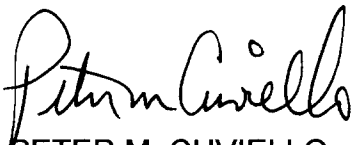
The following definitions are provided:

a. National Security System (NSS). Any telecommunications or information system operated by the U.S. Government, the function, operation, or use of which:
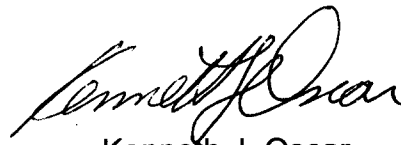
(1) Involves intelligence activities;

(2) Involves cryptologic activities related to national security;

(3) Involves command and control of military forces;

(4) Involves equipment that is an integral part of a weapon or weapon system: or

(5) Is critical to the direct fulfillment of military or intelligence missions. This does not include a system that is to be used for routine administrative and business applications (including payroll, finance, logistics, and personnel management applications).

   b.  Re-procurement.   Re-procurement is the acquisition of an item when there is a continuing need for a similar capability or an additional or enhanced capability based on the acquisition description from the operational requirements document.  In accordance with AR 73-1, Test and Evaluation Policy, all re-procurements require test and evaluation.

   This policy is effective immediately.  Point of contact for this action is Ms. Marlu Vance, commerical (703) 697-4353, DSN: 227-4353, email: marlu.vance@us.army.mil.


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